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Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time



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Rev. Raymond Moore, Pastor, x12

Ed Poindexter, Installed Acolyte

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Mary Waters, Office Assistant, x10

Barry Rhodes, Assistant to Pastor, Facilities Director

Harold Thomas, Academy Principal

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Wanda Brooks, Coordinator of Religious Education, x31

Henry Herrera, Gospel Choir Director

Renee Coles, Parish Council Chair

Finance Council: Tracey Jean-Charles, Damon Smith,

Patricia Thomas, George Hanna

Hope Dwells as the Desire and Expectation of Good Things to Come



WELCOME VISITORS!

We warmly welcome you to St. Thomas More Church! If you are seeking a church home, we invite you to join our parish family. We hope you worship with us again soon!

HOLY MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday, 4:00pm – Rectory Chapel

Sunday, 10:00am – Church (also Livestreamed on YouTube and link is sent weekly via Flocknote)

SACRAMENTS

Infant Baptisms: Parents should contact Father Moore to arrange for preparation and scheduling.

Matrimony: Couples planning a Catholic wedding, please contact the Pastor for instruction, at least six months in advance.

Penance (Reconciliation, Confession): Sundays after the 10:00am Holy Mass and by appointment

Pastoral Care of the Sick: Please notify the Parish Office when a member of the parish is in the hospital, nursing home, or is otherwise unable to come to Mass and wishes to receive any of the sacraments.

Religious Education for Children: Sunday following 10:00am Holy Mass.

High School Youth Group: Sunday after 10:00am Holy Mass.

Adult Faith Formation (OCIA): This group is intended for adults who would like to become Catholics. Please contact the parish office.

RE-Member The Church

If you have been away from the Church and are led by the Holy Spirit to come back to us, please consider our invitation to **“RE-MEMBER”** the Church. Call the Church office (202-562-0431) or speak to Father Moore for more details.

~ PRAY THE ROSARY ~

*St. Thomas More Sodality welcomes you to join us as we pray the Rosary: **Tuesdays at Noon, and Thursdays at 11:00am.** Dial-in: 605 313 5818. Access code 883049#.*

DAILY MASS READINGS

<i>Sunday</i>	Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time 2 Kings 5:14-17; 2 Timothy 2:8-13; Luke 17: 11-19
<i>Monday</i>	Romans 1:1-7; Luke 11:29-32
<i>Tuesday</i>	Romans 1:16-25; Luke 11:37-41
<i>Wednesday</i>	Memorial of Saint Teresa of Jesus, Virgin and Doctor of the Church Romans 2:1-11; Luke 11:42-46
<i>Thursday</i>	Romans 3:21-30; Luke 11:47-54
<i>Friday</i>	Memorial of Saint Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop and Martyr Romans 4:1-8; Luke 12:1-7
<i>Saturday</i>	Feast of Saint Luke, Evangelist 2 Timothy 4:10-17b; Luke 10:1-9
<i>Sunday</i>	Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time 2 Kings 5:14-17; 2 Timothy 2:8-13; Luke 17: 11-19

~ HOMILY POINTS ~

- We don't remember the thank-you cards we receive. We remember the thank-you cards we never get. Lack of gratitude—even if it's a simple text message—always rubs our generosity the wrong way. We give not simply (we hope) because we wish to get something back or to be told we're wonderful—but we give in order to confirm a relationship that is already there. We want to know our gift and thoughtfulness is appreciated and that we are loved in return. So what about Jesus? When he gives to us . . . what is he hoping for in return?
- Unlike us, Jesus won't necessarily get annoyed with us, or decide not to send any gifts our way again. But Jesus, as in the gospel, asks a pointed question: is the only one who has returned to give thanks this one who is a foreigner? That is, one who is *not* part of the chosen people of God? It is then surprising that the chosen people of God choose not to come before him in thanksgiving. And, if the Son of the living God has cause to raise an eyebrow, we should have cause to realize our lack of gratitude is strange, a sign of our missing the mark as God's people.
- Jesus offers us abounding grace and mercy—but what does it mean if we walk away as if we do not recognize that he has offered us this reconciliation with the Father? We have not received the fullness of his mercy until our recognition of Jesus's offer of healing turns us to him, and, through him, to God the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit.

(Living Liturgy) May the Lord's peace and grace be with you!

Please Pray For Our Recently Deceased And His Family:

Mr. Paul Waters (husband of Mrs. Mary Waters)

Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. May he rest in peace. Amen.

PRAYER CORNER

Prayer for the Needs of the Sick

God of all goodness,
 Look with mercy on all who suffer any kind of infirmity,
 sickness or injury, that they may be comforted.
 Let your hand of healing and protection be upon them.
 When they are fearful, ease their fear and anxieties.
 When they are afraid, give them strength and courage.
 When they feel alone, send them someone to listen
 and to care.
 When they are confused, provide reassurance and
 direction.
 When they are in pain, ease their suffering.
 When they despair, give them hope.
 May they experience your healing presence in the
 comfort of a caregiver's calm gaze and tender touch.

We ask this in your holy name. Amen.

A Prayer for Marriage & Family by Pope John Paul II

Lord God, from you every family in heaven and on earth takes its name.

Father, you are Love and Life.

Through your Son, Jesus Christ, born of woman, and through the Holy Spirit, fountain of divine charity, grant that every family on earth may become for each successive generation a true shrine of life and love.

Grant that your grace may guide the thoughts and actions of husbands and wives for the good of their families and of all the families in the world.

Grant that the young may find in the family solid support for their human dignity and for their growth in truth and love.

Grant that love, strengthened by the grace of the sacrament of marriage, may prove mightier than all the weakness and trials through which our families sometimes pass.

Through the intercession of the Holy Family of Nazareth, grant that the Church may fruitfully carry out her worldwide mission in the family and through the family.

Through Christ our Lord, who is the Way, the Truth and the Life for ever and ever. Amen

Please Pray For Our Sick, Shut-In, And Those In Need:

Fr. Raymond Moore, Ed Poindexter, Veronica Apiafi, Monique Bailey, Frank & Reta Brewer, Blondinia Brown, Sheila D. Brown, Cynthia Bruce, Felicia V. Bush, Jane Cannon, Margaret Chambers, Dixie Clark, Shertia Clark, Odessa Curtis, Damian Daniel, Barbara Deale, Barbara DeJesus, Eleanor Dozier, Renee Feliu, Diane Finley, Priscilla Fuller, Craig Fulmer, Betty Furr, Tanya Gaddie, Tasha Gant, David Garner, Tyrone Garrison, Denzil Garvey, Zynae Green, Emmanuel Greene, Gloria Greene Rodriguez, William Gunn, Andre Harris, Vance Harris II, June Harrison, Shant'e Hawkins, Gilbert Herrera (brother of Henry Herrera), Maximillon Holland, Christopher Holton, Sr., Darryl Jackson, Dr. Jimmie Jackson, Leane Jean-Charles, Carolyn Johnson, Phyllis Johnson, Seymour & Patrick Jones, Barbara Kennedy, Esme Kosier (sister of Henry Herrera), David Larison, Erma Lewis, Dennis Lucas, Ronald McCants (son of Houston & Linda Roberson), Gloria & William McCaskill, Herb Meredith, Beverly Miller, Dorothy Myrtle, Angela Neal, Mamie Outlaw, Tammy Peterson, Charles Queen, Marion & Ruth Richardson, Arthur Robinson, Leroy Robinson, Yolanda Rollins, Robin Sescocoe, Ciara Shields, Brenda Smith, Margaret Spencer, Edsel Swann, Jan Thelin, Jane Thomas, Antoinette (Toni) Torain, Mary Travers, Chandra Upsher-Harris, Kristine Vivican, Kayla Warren, Marilyn Denise Whetstone, Monei Williams, William Wims, Kobe M. Williams, Jane Willis, David Wilson, Gloria Wilson, Jean Wright, Marianne Young.

**PLEASE KEEP THOSE PREPARING FOR SACRAMENTS
IN YOUR PRAYERS**

~Preparing for Confirmation~

*Terral Lewis, Jr. Karter Martin
Marleigh Campbell Tylia Pilgrim
Damari Dozier Terrance Tyer
Ashwin Gordon*

PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday In loving memory of Aaron Otis-Coker
Myrtle Daniel – Special Intentions
Monday In loving memory of Jason Dantley-Birthday
Tuesday In loving memory of Larry Jones, Jr.
Wednesday Daphne Andrews-Birthday
Thursday Peace in the Middle East
Friday In loving memory of Booker Browne
Saturday In loving memory of Margaret Brooks
In loving memory of Anthony B. Savoy

SAVE THE DATE

Sight & Sound Theatres

Joshua

LIVE ON STAGE

July 11, 2026 @ 3pm

**Sponsored by the Parish Action Committee (PAC)
MORE INFORMATION WILL BE FORTH COMING.**

SAVE THE DATE

November 9, 2025, 3-5pm

Choir Concert Sponsored by the Sodality

HAIL TO THE COMMANDERS



RAFFLE FUNDRAISER!!!

2 Tickets

WASHINGTON COMMANDERS vs SEATTLE SEAHAWKS

Sunday - November 2, 2025 - 8:20 PM

Northwest Stadium, Landover, MD

Section 214, Row 4, Seats 5 and 6

(Estimated Value: \$180 each)

*Proceeds to Support St. Thomas More Catholic Academy
Vision and Dreams Fund*

Drawing Date:

Sunday, October 26, 12 Noon, STM Cedar Room

Donation:

One Ticket for \$15 – Two Tickets for \$25

**Thank you for your support!
We received \$265.00 toward our
Vision and Dreams Fund.**

**St. Thomas More Catholic Academy
Vision and Dreams Fund**

St. Thomas More Catholic Academy needs your help to provide a Catholic education at an affordable cost to families. In order to keep our school affordable for present and future generations, parishioners currently receiving envelopes from Our Sunday Visitor (OSV) will now receive a School Support envelope in your packet, beginning with the November-December distribution. This packet should arrive mid-October.

For ONLINE contributors using ParishSOFT Giving (formerly Faith Direct), you will also be able to contribute to our Vision and Dreams School Tuition Fund by scanning the QR Code below.



This is a fundraising effort, so feel free to include contributions from family members, friends, and co-workers who understand the value of a good Catholic education. Families, past and present, have been blessed by our school. Let's work together to make this a blessing for present and future families.

